

# On Track

## The plan from Snowy River

Sometimes it takes a long time for a dream to become a reality. For at least fifteen years, we have longed to bring the Gospel of the Lord Jesus to the remote and isolated communities in the rugged mountains along the Victorian-NSW border.

Throughout this time, local churches and presbyteries familiar with the area have greatly desired to see ministry expand out into those isolated places. PIM have been approached many times to see how we could help, and though many ideas and plans have been discussed over the years, a lack of available resources have made it difficult to make a start.

It is a sad reality that in many isolated areas of our continent there are long term residents who live out their lives without genuinely encountering the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. The distances in the Snowy Mountains are much shorter than PIM teams face in the outback, but the isolation and lack of sound Gospel witness is just as real.

In God's wonderful timing, an opportunity to start a Snowy Mountains Patrol has now arrived. During 2021, a local man with a big heart for the area and a love for the Lord stepped forward and provided a large financial donation that now allows us to get started on this long held dream.

The new work we are planning to begin in the Snowy Mountains area will see Christ proclaimed in places where at present there is no credible Gospel witness. By God's grace, local disciples will be raised up to become mature followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. In time, we pray that small local churches will be planted in places where there are currently none.

Like all the things we do at PIM, this new work will involve contributions from lots of people. Early in 2022, we will begin the recruitment process to find the right people to start this work. We will also be asking for prayer partners to join us in this exciting new ministry, and will be looking for additional financial supporters to help make these plans sustainable into the future. There will also likely be opportunities for volunteers to help out with various projects as we prepare to get started.

If you would like to find out how you can play a part in this brand new ministry, please email Andrew at [ceo@pim.org.au](mailto:ceo@pim.org.au) or give him a call on 0438 868 964.

## 📍 From the patrols

# Worth Driving For

*Why do we do what we do, and are there really opportunities to share the Gospel? Yes, indeed there are! PIM workers Colin and Alison Morrow share about a family they have come to know over the last few years:*

We first met Ben, Melissa and their children a few years ago when we visited their property. Melissa was a believer and we had some wonderful discussions with her whilst sitting around the dining table. When we visited, we did Bible lessons with the children when they had their break from School of the Air, and we shared the Gospel with Ben.



Following a few conversations with Ben, Colin invited him to join in a Christianity Explained course which we were running in Wentworth, NSW. Ben happily came along and, upon completing the course, he declared he had come to know Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. Earlier this year, Ben was baptised at Sunraysia Presbyterian Church in Mildura.

What a joy to see this family worshipping the Lord together, and what a privilege to have shared in their journey. This is why we do what we do. They really are worth driving for.

## 📰 News & updates

# Thank you – yes you!

2021 has been a rollercoaster year, and PIM has definitely felt its ups and downs. From countless postponed events at New Dunesk, to limited access to interstate travel for our PIM Teams, the challenges have been many as we have fought to bring the Gospel to inland Australia.

But through it all we have continually had a very important group of people on our side – you! As our prayer partners and financial supporters, you have played an immensely important role in keeping our PIM teams both spiritually and financially afloat throughout 2021.

Because of your support, Alvin and Narelle Chai were able to make it to Mount Magnet and begin their ministry in that community. Noah – our first ever Gappie – was able to have a successful and fulfilling year at New Dunesk growing in both his practical

ministry and farm skills. Our patrol teams were able to continue to proclaim Christ in remote places. And New Dunesk's facilities were able to continue to develop in preparation for a brand-new year when we can welcome everyone back to the home of PIM. For all the ways you have prayed for us, donated to us, shared our stories with others and celebrated our victories both big and small – we say a most heartfelt thank you to YOU!

As the year draws to a close, everyone at PIM also wishes you a very Merry Christmas as we remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour, the one for whom all things were made and the one for whom we do all these things. As we look to 2022, we hope and pray that we will be able to see more of your faces in person, and that everyday Christ will be made known in remote and rural Australia.



Planning with any certainty during the last couple of years has been a challenge for all of us, but we press on!

To the right are some key dates in the PIM Calendar for 2022, Lord willing and COVID permitting. We would love it if you could join us at any of our events - keep an eye on our website in case any of these dates change.

If you would like to be part of one of these great events, please visit [pim.org.au](http://pim.org.au) for more information, or email Andrew at [ceo@pim.org.au](mailto:ceo@pim.org.au) or give him a call on 0438 868 964.

## **PIM Day of Prayer**

**26th February 2022**

We will be holding a day of prayer on the 26th of February. There will be opportunities to gather at New Dunesk and Bombala or to join online as we pray for the year ahead, with a specific focus on the new Snowy Mountains Patrol, the launch of New Dunesk and the ongoing work of our current PIM teams.

## **Opening Service at New Dunesk**

**18th March 2022**

The long awaited and belated opening of New Dunesk has now been re-scheduled. We are looking forward to the Moderator-General joining with us as we celebrate this new season and officially launch New Dunesk.

## **Country Elders Preaching Workshop**

**31 March - 3rd April 2022**

Places on this exciting and practical preaching course filled up in just a couple of weeks when we scheduled it for 2021. Sadly, we had to postpone it due to restrictions. We anticipate it will fill up again quickly, so if you are interested please book in quickly.

## **Nomads' Network Launch**

**5-10 April 2022**

The long awaited launch of the Nomads' Network is planned to occur with this initial training event. Nomads will then have access to other exciting opportunities and events during 2022. To find out how you can use your Nomad season for God's glory, visit [pim.org.au/nomads-network](http://pim.org.au/nomads-network)

## **Beltana Outreach**

**ANZAC Day weekend**

We are planning on taking some of our Nomads to Beltana for the ANZAC Day weekend. We will hold an evangelistic service at dusk in the historic Smith of Dunesk Mission church building, then join with the community for their dawn service and find ways to connect with locals and travellers.

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### CEO's corner

## From Andrew to you

Long into the night the harvesters work, bringing in the crops from the paddocks around New Dunesk and right across the Riverina. In the Yarra Valley where I live, teams of workers will hand pick fruit over the summer months ahead.



In different places and at different times across Australia, crops are harvested as they begin their journey from the paddock to the plate.

All of this produce only grows because people have put in the hard work long before there was a green shoot in a paddock or a flower on a fruit tree. The pruning and ploughing, fertilising and sowing was all done so that one a day a crop would be yielded.

In recent years at PIM we have taken some time to focus on pruning, fertilising and tending to the PIM 'tree' so that it will yield fruit in the future. Faced with the enormity of the task before us and the scarcity of available resources, the PIM Committee knew something different was needed if PIM was to continue as a fruitful ministry of our church into the decades ahead.

A key part of this season of tending to the PIM tree has been the launch of New Dunesk. Without a home, or even basic infrastructure, it was becoming increasingly harder for PIM to yield fruit. With New Dunesk being officially launched in 2022, we look forward to a new and fruitful season for the Kingdom!

In this edition of On Track, you'll catch a glimpse of some of the ways PIM is bearing fruit today. My hope and prayer is that you will visit us at New Dunesk during 2022, and discover how you can get involved in a new way as together we long for a fresh season of fruitfulness in the Lord's harvest field.

Andrew Letcher  
CEO

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